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Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I ask the hon. Minister what is the percentage of proposals that were turned down by His Excellency?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"These proposals are confidential and divulging any further information will mean breaking confidence."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether all proposals relating to appointments are deemed confidential or only such proposals as relate to the personnel?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Proposals relating to appointments are confidential and should not be divulged."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"Are all the proposals relating to appointments confidential?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Yes, that is what it means."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know in how many cases the hon. Minister differed from the recommendation of the Surgeon-General and in how many such cases the Governor made appointments against the Minister's recommendation?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"As I have already stated nothing can be divulged."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"I suppose the Surgeon-General's recommendations are submitted to His Excellency through the Minister?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"In how many cases, was the recommendation of the Surgeon-General agreed to by the Minister?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I can only say that any further information as regards this is confidential."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know whether when His Excellency makes the appointment, he consults the Minister?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I think even the exact procedure followed in making the appointments is also confidential."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I ask whether the information that appointments are made in consultation with the Minister is confidential or whether appointments are made independently of the Minister is confidential."

Mr. S. N. DORAI RAJA:—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether the Surgeon-General has any opportunity of making appointments?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question does not arise."

*Honorary appointments in the Mangalore Headquarters hospital.*

\*1765 Q.—Mr. N. SRINIVASA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of medical men recommended by the District Medical Officer, Mangalore, to hold honorary appointments in the Headquarters Hospital, Mangalore;



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(b) how many were actually appointed and how many were rejected ;  
(c) the reasons for the rejection of the applications ; and  
(d) whether the Government took into consideration the need of a Medical Officer, specialized in eye-diseases for the headquarters hospital when the above recommended applications were considered ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The recommendations made by the District Medical Officer are confidential. Two were appointed.

(d) In making honorary appointments, the Government took into consideration the qualifications of the applicants and the need for their services in the hospitals.

MR. N. SRINIVASA RAO :—“ May I know from the hon. Minister, how many were recommended by the District Medical Officer ? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ The recommendations made by the District Medical Officer are confidential.”

MR. N. SRINIVASA RAO :—“ May I know how many have actually applied for these posts ? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ It is not desirable to divulge the information.”

MR. N. SRINIVASA RAO :—“ As regards clause (d), may I know whether an eye-specialist was recommended by the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, and if so, why he was not appointed ? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ Notice, Sir. I do not remember all the recommendations that were made.”

*Diet scales in Government hospitals in Madras.*

\* 1766 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have scrutinized the diet scales introduced into the several Government hospitals in Madras and whether they have found them adequate according to the needs of the patients ;

(b) what differences exist between the scales of diets and the methods of preparing them in regard to Indians and Europeans ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indian wards in any of the hospitals are usually over-crowded, while European wards are practically empty ;

(d) what are the various agencies adopted in the several hospitals for accurate receipt of raw rations, from day to day, for supervision of the cooking in the kitchen and diet and distribution thereof without leakage and adulteration and waste, and for checking in the linen department ; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to introduce or contemplate introducing an uniform system so as to ensure efficiency and economy in the expenditure of money on the kitchen, diet and linen departments and at the same time satisfy the patients ?

A.—(a) The diet scales in force were prepared by an expert committee of medical officers appointed by the Government for the purpose. The scales are reported to be adequate.

(b) A statement <sup>a</sup> showing the different scales of diet is laid on the table.

<sup>a</sup> Printed as Appendix V on pages 940-941 infra.